

CAIRO FACING FLOOD CRISIS

Water Passes 53 Foot Mark,
and Desperate Efforts are
Made to Sustain Levee.

DYNAMITE CHECKS HUNTINGTON FLAMES

River Will Far Exceed the
Flood stage at points along
the Mississippi.

(By Associated Press)
Cairo, Ill., April 1.—Flood conditions here today along the Ohio river levee are declared by the oldest citizens to be the most desperate in their time. The water is rising at the rate of about one foot a day and now stands two feet and eight inches from the top of the concrete wall built at the levee.

The reports of the weather bureau here of up-river and tributary conditions were enough to cause further alarm. No reports came of receding waters as far away as Cincinnati while some tributaries were reported rising. It is generally believed that the high stage will not be reached today and probably not before Wednesday night or Thursday. The rise of the river is much faster than last year.

The weather continued beautiful. Business men acted as switchmen, loaded barges, unloaded sand, clay and lumber, while clerks and other office employees handled shovels. Negroes were placed at work with hand pumps to keep the streets clear of seepage water, which came under the concrete walls. The water rose in some places to a depth of six inches. At a meeting between officials of Alexander county, the city of Cairo and Col. Daniel J. Morarity of the sixth regiment, I. N. G., it was agreed to place the entire situation in charge of Col. Morarity. The result of this, according to the colonel, will be the arrest of all negroes and others who refuse to work.

Cairo, Ill., April 1.—The Ohio river now stands at the night, and at 7 o'clock today stood between 52.2 and 53.2. The population was still early and the fact that the water had substantially passed the 52-foot mark caused considerable anxiety. The crest of the flood is expected to reach here today and if the levee hold it is the belief that the worst will be passed. Much trouble was experienced during the night in the drainage district along the big four levee. Three times dangerous slides occurred. Dozens of carloads of sand bags were placed about the weak spots and serious trouble was averted.

Water seeped through under the concrete wall and stood in the main street of Cairo today, but the levee has shown no sign of weakening. A big force of men worked all night placing sand bags and other hold-backs along the river front.

It is expected the mayor and sheriff here will give the military complete control of the situation. Word was received from the Major-General Wood at Cincinnati by the general relief committee that the situation would be handled the same as last year.

Refugees continued to leave the city all night and crowds still waiting at the depots to get out.

The water rose more rapidly than yesterday and demand for more working men became more urgent. At 9 o'clock the gauge read 53.5 and was creeping up.

In case of a break the flood waters would not rise to more than one or two feet in the buildings on the town's main thoroughfare, but all of the town back of this street becomes gradually lower and most of the houses would become completely submerged.

A large subway, which was the only passageway from Cairo into the drainage district, has been blocked to save the city. The place was boarded up and dozens of carloads of sandbags placed to hold it secure.

One Levee Goes Out.
Accordingly, as workmen are able to battle no longer with the levee situation in the drainage district, they are brought into Cairo and set to work along the river front. Most of the houses and places of business in the drainage territory have been abandoned and it is predicted that the section is doomed. It is held that this break cannot result in Cairo proper being flooded.

The state troops were sent out in squads of five today, each accompanied by a policeman, to visit the rendezvous of men who are either unwilling or have refused to work.

One of the purposes of closing all places of business which do not handle goods needed for the comfort and necessities of the people was to give opportunity to get out the strongest working force possible. Employees of closed concerns have responded willingly for duty and have reinforced to a great extent the work along the river front.

Minister in Charge of Rescue Work.
Rev. M. H. Love, of the Methodist church, who has had charge of relief work in former years, is again at the head of the relief committee. He will have about 20 assistants and a temporary hospital, which has been arranged on a large wharf boat in the river.

Cairo is situated on the lowlands of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Its safety depends absolutely on levees.
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RUNAWAY SOLONS HALT LEGISLATION

Republican and Independent Democratic Legislators Quit
Tennessee in Sufficient Number to Break House
Quorum—Governor Vetoes Bill to Make Their
Conduct Illegal.

(By Associated Press)
Nashville, April 1.—With a large colony of its membership established at Middlesboro, Ky., a smaller one at Florence, Ala., and individuals at other points beyond the state, the Tennessee house of representatives met at 11 o'clock this morning and adjourned without a roll call until this afternoon. A counting of noses, however, showed 61 members present, 66 being a quorum. Until a quorum is restored the wheels of legislation are securely tied.

The proposed amendment to the election laws, giving the machinery into the hands of the "regular" democrats is the cause of the secession of the 30 odd republicans and independent democrats.

In a special message filed with the house the governor vetoed the proposed law to make quorum-breaking a felony on the ground of public policy and for constitutional reasons. The message vigorously arraigned the course of the "regular" democrats since the new alignment gave them control.

Plan to Kidnap Legislators.
Knoxville, Tenn., April 1.—Former State Treasurer G. T. Taylor has joined the "runaway" Tennessee legislators at Middlesboro, but for what purpose is not known. Seventeen members of the house are now at Middlesboro and others may arrive this afternoon. It is said that one has gone to Texas. A caucus will be held this afternoon to make plans and decide whether an organization will be perfected similar to that at Birmingham two years ago, when in a filibuster a speaker and a clerk were elected by the "runaways."

Parties at Cumberland Gap last night planned to kidnap members of the legislature on a train en route to Middlesboro.

Speaker Stanton of the house, who was in Nashville, was advised and he urged again such a procedure. It is said. The legislators passed through Cumberland Gap uninterrupted.

Miss Derry charges the latter's son, Ralph, with her ruin and is alleged to have gone to the McCommon home armed with a pistol to have the young man make amends. It is said she fired five shots, when the father used the shotgun. Young McCommon was later arrested. The father has not yet been apprehended. It is believed the girl will recover.

Girl Attempts to Shoot Betrayed; Is Herself Shot

(By Associated Press)
Nashville, April 1.—A special from Jackson, Tenn., says Miss Esther Derry, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Derry, living near Bernis, is in the hospital there suffering from a gunshot wound and blows from the butt of a gun, alleged to have been inflicted yesterday afternoon by R. C. McCommon.

Turkey Accepts Peace Terms Powers Offered

(By Associated Press)
Constantinople, April 1.—The Turkish government today declared that it unreservedly accepted the terms of peace proposed by the European powers.

The foreign office handed the Ottoman acceptance to the dean of the diplomatic corps this morning accompanied by an expression of thanks to the powers for their mediation.

ALL UNCLE SAM'S MONEY BEING COUNTED AGAIN

Checking up Treasury For Prominent Rectors Inform
Transfer of Office to New
Treasurer Burke.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 3.—The money in the treasury is again being counted but this time, with the exception of the cash in the teller's room, it is being counted in bundles.

With the induction into office of a new treasurer of the United States the money in the treasury has to be checked up, and the induction of former Governor Burke of North Dakota, treasurer under President Wilson, has proven no exception to the rule.

The work now is going forward in the teller's room. With that finished the money in the vaults will be counted. Counting by packages has been decided upon in order to save time as it has been only about three months since the money was counted. Last, followed the piece-by-piece count. It should, it is said that it would take at least three months to finish the job.

CRITICISES COURSE
OF DR. FRIEDMANN
(By Associated Press)
Nashville, Tenn., April 1.—Dr. J. A. Witherup of this city, president of the American Medical Association, today authorized the following statement relative to the discovery of a tuberculosis cure claimed by Dr. F. F. Friedmann of Berlin:

"Taking all the facts of his course into consideration, I think his so-called discovery in refusing to give his so-called discovery to the medical profession and to the people is the conduct of a fakir rather than that of a scientist."

DANIELS BACKS DOWN FOR JOB

Opposes Watts and Favors the
Charlotte Man for Position
of Internal Revenue
Collector.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD
ON TO FAT OFFICES
Until Well into Summer, Is
The Way It Looks Now,
if Senators Are
Ignored.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 1.—The new developments are brought to light in the Watts-Justice controversy over the collectorship of western North Carolina. They are: Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is opposing the appointment of Col. Watts with all his might. Mr. Daniels himself has a candidate and his name is W. C. Dowd, the Charlotte newspaper publisher.

Senators Simmons and Overman have not as yet filed formal indorsement of Col. Watts with either President Wilson or Secretary of the Treasury.

Senator Overman said that it would probably be a month before he would get to the collectorship appointment. He said he is exceedingly busy rearranging matters in the capital building, which comes under his jurisdiction as chairman of the senate rules committee, and this, coupled with the extra duty laid upon his shoulders by reason of the fact that he is also chairman of the senate patronage committee, makes it impossible for him to give serious thought to appointments in the state just now.

Daniels busy learning to "sail." The Daily News correspondent saw Secretary Daniels today and asked if he cared to say whether he was behind the Justice movement to defeat Watts for collector.

"I am too busy learning to 'sail' to talk about North Carolina appointments," said the secretary. "I absolutely refuse to discuss such matters just now."

It was learned from another source, however, that Mr. Daniels is squarely behind the movement to prevent Watts from landing the prize plum. It is also known that it was the navy secretary who escorted E. J. Justice to the White House and listened attentively to what the Greensboro attorney had to say about the reactionaries in North Carolina; that Daniels is fighting just as hard to defeat Watts as he ever fought against Marion Butler, John Motley Morehead or any of the erstwhile republican aspirants for office in North Carolina; and that, while he may not have yet recommended Carey Dowd, the Charlotte editor and publisher, for the collectorship, he is strongly in favor of the president naming the Charlotte man in preference to any other.

Some Scrap Impending.
The fight, which was today when E. J. Justice laid bare the political history of certain North Carolina democrats, is just begun. It is evident that Mr. Daniels has the president's ear. He took Mr. Justice to the White House "after office hours" and at a time when the president was not supposed to be receiving callers. Not a newspaper man on watch at the executive offices, knew of Mr. Justice's visit until it came out from a private source. It is known that Mr. Daniels does not believe the president will consider the appointment of Watts and hence it is thought Mr. Wilson is leaning heavily upon the secretary of the navy for advice in matters of federal patronage; that he has not consulted with either of the North Carolina senators, except in one or two instances, and in those cases, the man recommended was indorsed by Mr. Daniels.

So that if Mr. Daniels is to have his say in appointments in the state a bitter fight is imminent. Senators in the past have not looked with favor upon confirming nominations that were distasteful to them, and unless all signs fall some of the republicans now holding jobs in North Carolina will remain on the government payroll until far into the summer.

There is sure to be a number of democratic nominations filed away into the pigeon holes of office furniture in the capitol building for many months to come unless senators have the privilege, which has been allowed, heretofore, of naming federal appointments.

Postmaster Dorsett's Case.
Senator Overman today received formal notification of the charges filed against J. R. Dorsett, postmaster at Spencer. The Spencer man is charged with neglect of duty, inefficiency, and soliciting the sale of stamps and stamped envelopes. The "drumming" of stamps and stamped matter is in violation of the law, in the opinion of District Attorney Holton, who has been investigating the case. Mr. Dorsett is here today. He said he did not sell the sale of stamps but that he did so openly and made no effort to conceal his action. He said his interpretation of the law was that a postmaster could solicit from patrons of his own office but not from the outside. As soon as Senator Overman and Representative Doughton can agree upon a man, a democrat will be named in Dorsett's place.

SENT \$1000 FUR COAT
Baltimore Women Appeals to Red
Cross to Lend Her Missing
Garment.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 1.—Red Cross officials in Ohio were instructed today by the society headquarters to be on the lookout for a fur coat worth \$1000 among the clothes sent for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The coat belonged to a Baltimore woman who upon the receipt of news about the suffering in Ohio directed her servants to donate all the spare clothing around the house for relief of those in distress. The woman today notified Red Cross headquarters her maid had included the coat in the donation.

COMMITS SUICIDE BY
WRECKING AIRSHIP
(By Associated Press)
London, April 1.—Lieutenant Perlotky of the Russian army committed suicide at Warsaw on Sunday by deliberately shutting off the motor of an aeroplane in which he was flying and dropping from a height of 500 feet to the ground, according to a dispatch received today.

The tragedy was believed to have been an accident until today when a letter written just before the fatal flight was opened. In it Lieutenant Perlotky expressed his intention of committing suicide in mid-air and gave as a reason that he had been the victim of many intrigues.

Corporation Commission Gets Severe Criticism

Sat Through Hearing Two Weeks Ago in Washington and
Never Intimated That There Was Anything Wrong
in North Carolina Freight Rate Situation.

(By Associated Press)
Gazette-News Bureau.
Wyatt Building,
Washington, April 1.
The state corporation commission came in for severe criticism at the hands of the interstate commerce commission when John C. Forester, secretary of Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Wilson, Fayetteville, Winston, Kinston, Asheville, High Point and Rocky Mount. The commissioners expressed surprise that the corporation commission, who were present at the recent hearing, or some other representative had not protested against the charge of the railroads. They said that each of the above named towns had been notified that the hearings would be conducted, but not a town in the state had sent a representative, except the corporation commissioners, who had not raised a voice against the charge of the railroads.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, April 1.—That the North Carolina corporation commission and Attorney General Blickett decided to defer pressing suits against the railroads only after conference with Judge Clements of the interstate commerce commission was the statement made today by Chairman Travis. The whole North Carolina situation, and especially the negotiations pending between the special legislative committee and the railroads with a view to settling matters out of court, was laid before Judge Clements, who thought it proper to defer the suits, it is declared here.

Chairman Travis said a satisfactory settlement of rates by special committee would obviate the necessity for pressing suits before the interstate commission, but that should results fail to come the corporation commission would vigorously press its suits. He said many weeks before the legislative committee was set on the job.

Judge Clements did not indicate any disgust to members of the North Carolina commission because they failed to protest, he seemed to agree with them that it was proper to await results. Considerable surprise is expressed here at reports in the morning papers of Judge Clements' alleged declarations.

North Carolina Not Satisfied.
Mr. Forester explained that he had been in Greensboro less than 60 days and that he believed the state corporation commissioners did not understand that the railroads' statement applied to North Carolina. Mr. Forester told the commission that North Carolina most certainly was not satisfied. He pointed to the conference held in Raleigh and to the verbal agreement of President Finley, of the Southern railway, to regulate freight rates so that North Carolina would not be discriminated against.

The hearing, it was claimed, developed the fact that the Southern railway people were not sincere in their agreement at Raleigh to adjust freight rates. It is contended that their representatives took advantage of the absence of representatives from North Carolina and openly declared that there was no dissatisfaction in the state. Secretary Forester, however, told the commission that North Carolina would never be satisfied with the present rates. He pointed to the fact that the state is being discriminated against; that President Finley and other high officials of the Southern had promised to adjust freight rates.

Supply of Fuel Oil
MAY LAST TWENTY YEARS
Perhaps More, but It Will Be
Much Higher and Production
Will Decline.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 1.—Crude oil as a fuel for the navy will be available from fields in the United States, particularly the California field, for at least a generation yet to come. This is the substance of a letter written today by Secretary Lane of the interior department to Secretary Daniels of the navy in response to inquiries by the latter concerning oil resources.

"Twenty years hence," says Secretary Lane, "the price of fuel oil, which then as now will be produced chiefly in California, will be much higher than at present and the production probably will have declined seriously."

"The failure of the oil supplies of the United States will not take place suddenly. The decline will be gradual and will tend constantly to be checked by rising prices."

"No relief can be expected in the present price of fuel at Atlantic ports for commercial uses. Relief to the navy from increasing prices probably can be secured only by the development of its own reserves where it should be possible to produce oils at approximately the present cost of production—fifty cents or less per barrel plus transportation to the point of use."

Secretary Lane expressed the belief that the navy could rely on the reserves already existing for an oil supply for a period greater than the life of any battleship to be constructed within the next decade.

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BIG REQUESTS ARE EXPECTED

Friends of J. P. Morgan Predict Large Charitable and
Public Gifts—Son is
Chief Heir.

NO ARRANGEMENTS
TO TRANSPORT BODY
U. S. Embassy at Rome Tendered for the Funeral Service—Body Embalmed and Dressed.

(By Associated Press)
New York, April 1.—Estimates of the fortune left by J. P. Morgan as made in the financial district today, range from \$75,000,000 to \$300,000,000, this sum including his art collection. It is understood that the financier's will is of comparatively recent date, but no intimation has been made as to when it will be given to the public. Mr. Morgan's personal counsel declines to discuss the matter.

Those who shared Mr. Morgan's close friendship predict that there will be large charitable and public bequests, although it is conceded that the son, J. P. Morgan, will doubtless receive the bulk of the fortune.

Mr. Morgan's realty holdings were comparatively small and by far the greater part of the estate, it is understood, will be found to be made up of gilt-edged securities. Judging by his former quiet philanthropy, those who speculated today as to possible bequests thought that the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Episcopal church and perhaps Yale and Harvard universities would come in for bequests.

Rome, April 1.—The body of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, after it had been embalmed and dressed, was today enclosed in a walnut coffin lined with white brocade. This was then placed in a leaden casket and finally in a third case of heavy walnut with gold and silver fittings.

The United States ambassador has offered to hold a funeral service at the embassy in pursuance of instructions received from Secretary of State Bryan.

No definite arrangements have yet been made for the transportation of the body to America, but it is understood that accommodation has been offered on board the Koenig Albert, leaving Naples on April 4.

JUDGE F. CARTER
"EXPLODES BOMB"

Declares He Believes Justice
Cannot Be Obtained in
Wake County.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, April 1.—Judge Frank Carter exploded a bomb in the Wake county court house when he declared yesterday that he was willing to make affidavit that justice could not be obtained in Wake county, and he refused to allow to be tried the case against Jim Johnson of J. M. Nipper, convict guards charged with shipping prisoners. The judge thought that a white man turned loose Saturday should have been convicted. The judge said that he did not have the heart to enter into a trial of the case against the guards, and had it continued.

HAYWOOD IS GIVEN
6 MONTHS SENTENCE
I. W. W. Agitator Given Term at Hard
Labor for Disorderly Conduct
at Patterson.

(By Associated Press)
Patterson, N. J., April 1.—William D. Haywood, organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was sentenced to six months in the county jail yesterday afternoon on conviction of disorderly conduct in connection with a gathering of strikers yesterday at Lafayette Oval here. He came here in connection with the silk mill workers strike.

A second charge, that of causing unlawful assemblage, also was lodged against him. On this he was held for the grand jury, with the amount of his bail to be fixed later.

Haywood pleaded not guilty to both charges. He was sent to the county jail to begin sentence, but an appeal probably will be taken.

Haywood was given the maximum sentence with which disorderly conduct is punishable. During his term of imprisonment he will have to work 10 hours a day at hard labor.

Gotch to Wrestle Leitch.
(By Associated Press)
Kansas City, April 1.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, and George Leitch of Russia will meet in a finish wrestling match in convention hall here tonight. The catch-as-catch-can style of wrestling will be used.

Only a Few Inches of Additional Rise Expected with
Crest of the Flood.

(By Associated Press)
Louisville, Ky., April 1.—Little anxiety was felt today over the few inches of additional rise predicted for the river before the crest of the flood reaches here late today or early tomorrow with a stage of 45 feet.

Lower river points today were busy preparing for the final swell. Major James A. Logan, Jr., of the quartermaster's department and Lieut. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., and 14 men who arrived here last night from Hamilton, O., expected to have their federal relief work well under way at Lower river points before the final swell reaches that section. At Paducah, Henderson, Owensboro and Hickman preparations were going forward to meet the highest water since 1884.

The stage here at 7 a. m. was 44.7, a rise of 4-10 of a foot in the last 24 hours.

Fisheries Commissioner Resigns.
(By Associated Press)
New York, April 1.—George M. Bowers, federal commissioner of fisheries sent his resignation to President Wilson to become effective April 10. Hugh M. Smith, deputy commissioner, is slated to succeed him.